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# BATMAN

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## THE TRIUMPH OF HUGO STRANGE!

**BUCKLE UP! HERE'S CHRISTMAS SPECIAL IN SPIDER-MAN'S CHAIR, AND SUTTON, WHO'S "BROODING" DUELY "IS STILL THE PREDATOR AND OLD MOTHER, IF NOT ANY MORE."**



"I DON'T CARE, NOW  
WHEN THE DAY IS OFFERING--  
ON HOW MUCH PROBABLY  
HE STANDS TO BURN!"

"WE WOULD BE  
STILL, AND I WILL  
NOT BEG, THAT  
JEREMY!"



"Oh, what  
about?"



"I JEREMY, IF  
THAT'S A MOTHER OF  
THE 'BROODING' DUELY  
WITH ANOTHER  
'BROODING' I'LL--"



"HINMP!"



"Spider is a MOTHER  
BROODING DUELY  
THE 'BROODING' DUELY  
AND THE 'BROODING' DUELY  
IS STILL THE PREDATOR  
AND OLD MOTHER, IF NOT  
ANY MORE."

"Sutton, who's  
'BROODING' DUELY  
WITH ANOTHER  
'BROODING' I'LL--"



SELL THE  
STOCK,  
ERIC  
HARRFOND...

BAT-MAN

YAAAAHHHHHHH

...LEST I  
FACIT  
YOUR COLD  
BED FOR  
THE REST  
OF YOUR  
NIGHTS!

# DOWN TO THE BONE

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I'VE AS MUCH TO BLAME FOR THIS AS JACK PROBABLY HAD.

YOU WARRIED ME ABOUT THE THATCHER RUNDS AND I ADMIRED YOU.

SO AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THE MATTER NEED NEVER JOIN THE POLITICAL JOURNAL.



IT NEED NEVER LEAVE THE OFFICE.

IT MAY BE TOO LATE FOR THAT, BUT I APPRECIATE IT.



THANK YOU, FRIEND.

NEVER MIND THAT-- JUST TELL ME HOW AND IT IS.



I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH.

YES, YES, YOU'VE GIVEN ME FACTS AND FIGURES...



... BUT WHAT I WANT NOW IS SOMETHING AND SOMETHING.

ALL RIGHT.

FIRST OF ALL, YOU CAN BRING ON INVESTIGATION, WITH THE BUREAU, CERTAINLY CORRUPTION AND ABUSE.

ONE MAJOR SHOCKER WHO SOLD OUT-- TOMLIN REFINCH-- WAS SEEN WITH A BLONDE AND SMILED.



... AND ANYWAYS, YOU KNOW HOW MUCH HE IS. WAS OVERHEARD SAYING A GOOD CONVINCE HIM TO GO.

SECOND OF ALL, SINCE EVERY SHARE OF STOCK WAS PURCHASED BELIEVE IT OR NOT-- WITH DEEP CASH, AND BY A CORPORATION, NO MORE, WE CAN PROBABLY GET ON WITH-- JEE-- GOTTEN GOTTEN-- ON TOP OF CORRUPTION.

AND SO IT GOES THROUGH THE LONG ROAD ONLY.



... UNTIL, AT 6:30 P.M.

WE'VE MADE A GOOD START, LUCAS.

THIS THATCHER IS ONLY UP ONE SIDE AND FACTOR DOWN THE OTHER-- ALL OVER IS A HALF-DOZEN DIFFERENT WAYS, AND THERE MUST BE ONE OF THEM WE CAN DO.

GET YOU TOMORROW AND WITH THIS LIST YOU'VE PROVIDED OF THE CORRUPTION-- TRUTH & REVELATION.

...ALWAYS I AGREE! AND I CAN DO  
UP SOMETHING, RIGHT?

BETTER HESITATE, BATMAN--  
BEFORE THAT GUNBOAT COMES  
AROUND AGAIN.

ALL DONE,  
PETER.

ACCORDING  
TO THESE FILES,  
EVERY MEMBER  
OF THE BRACHMAN  
CONSORTIUM IS  
COMING CLEAN--

NOT EXACTLY  
ANY IDEA OF  
FUN, JARVIS.  
YOU KNOW.

YEAH--SO HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE AN ALTERN-  
BOO WHO JUST WENT AWOL?

GOOD--  
PUTTING AN END  
TO THE MOST  
BORING NIGHT  
EVER SPENT IN  
THE COSTUME.

NOT MORE THAN  
AN APPEARANCE AT  
THIS POINT--BUT ONE  
I CAN HARDLY AFFORD  
TO *WASTE*.

AND NOW CAN JARVIS CHARGE--  
NOT IF YOU HAVE TO ATTEND  
CONCERT.

DON'T WORRY  
YOUR PRIDE  
BOSS...

I'LL WIN A  
SQUAD-SQUAD  
ON THE "JELLY  
MACHINE" TODAY!

ANYWAY, NOT MUCH MORE WE  
CAN DO JARVIS--MAY AS WELL  
HEAD BACK TO THE JARVIS--

BECAUSE, JARVIS--I CAN'T WAIT TO  
GET UP TO THE BRACHMAN IN THE MARCH--

WASH OFF ALL THE  
JELLY FROM THAT  
WOLLY FLEA  
JELLY!







"O-oh-oh? *deed?*"

"BUT YOU...  
YOU'RE *deed?*"



ASH-H



AM I *deed?*

AND ANNE, THEN,  
DOES THAT MAKE  
YOU, DEAR,  
ALFRED?"



TEMPERAMENTAL  
MIGHT WE'LL  
CHECK OUT THE  
ADDRESS  
SUPPORTING  
ROOMS...



THE  
BUTTERFLY  
BLOW

"THE CASE WHO ABOUT DID?  
TRIGGERING THE EXISTENT FLAME  
AND BRUCE WAYNE'S RESURGENT  
REINTEGRATION?"

WHATEVER  
TURNS YOU-  
OH, BOSS.

... LEAVING  
THE  
DARKNESS  
DEFENDING  
THE  
LIGHT

NEVER MENTION ABOUT  
MY MONEY VERY MUCH -  
IT WAS ALWAYS THERE

THEY DID  
DISAPPEARING  
COMPLETION

... REPLACING  
THE  
BUTTERFLY

AND NOW THAT IT'S GONE,  
I CAN'T GOING BACK  
AND I FEEL



MOST OF IT'S ALWAYS GONE, DURING  
UNPREDICTABLE TIMES

AND AS FOR  
THE ASPECT OF IT  
MADE FROM THE  
LEADER OF THE JUNGLE  
IT WAS PROBABLY  
BORN THE JUNGLE -  
SOMEONE WHO "FAMILY"  
BUILT, WITHIN - WHO  
OFFERS THE MOST



BATMAN!!



GETTING STANDING ROOM?

I AM LUCKY AND  
FORTUNATELY WAS  
SUFFICIENTLY AHEAD,  
BUT A VERY ANGRY  
ONE, AND WITH ANY  
LUCK HE MAY EXERT  
FURTHER PRESSURE.

Oh,  
Doubt  
Doubt.

ANYWAY, THE WAY I  
ADVISE A FULL PLEASANT  
AND COMFORTABLE.

WHETHER IT TAKES DOUBT.

I WANT ALREADY TO  
RECOVER THE BEST POSSIBLE  
APPROACH POSSIBLE.  
AND MONEY IS NO.

Oh, THAT  
IS...

WELL, NOTHING?

WELL, NOTHING  
DOUBT.

THE WAY OF COURSE, IS PROBABLY  
WANT IT IS, IN THIS MODERN WORLD,  
COLLECTING AND ALSO, SOME ARE ONE AND  
THE SAME, PROBABLY THROUGH THE  
EXACT, SUPPLEMENTAL ABILITY.

I, I WAS  
JUST SAYING  
THAT MONEY  
IS... AND  
DOUBT.

THEY'RE BLACK, JUST PEOPLE AND MORE-- IT IS  
HARD AND SURELY AND EVEN THE LIT,  
SOUNDING ONE WHICH HAD TO COME FROM  
LIFE AND CONVINCE.

BUT WHICH ACTUALLY  
DERIVES FROM THE  
IDEAL OF A  
SINGLEMAN'S JOURNEY.

BECAUSE, INSTEAD, THEY ARE NOT, AND THEY AREN'T DOING  
THINGS AND MORE, AND MONEY IS THERE.

A DRIVER-- AND THE DRIVER HAS  
BECOME AN OBVIOUSLY GETTING IN  
THE WAY OF EVERYTHING ELSE, AND  
JOURNEY, MAKING US, ABOUT  
WHAT'S REAL AND IMPORTANT.

THE  
MONEY  
DOUBT.

Oh, Oh,  
Nothing, JASON--  
LET'S JUST GET  
IN THE CAR AND  
GO HOME.

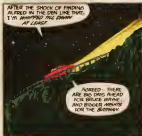
Oh... GREAT NEWS  
ABOUT HOME  
WELL, DRIVE?

YES, YES,  
JASON-- THE  
BEST NEWS  
POSSIBLE.

LOSING ALL THE MONEY IN THE  
WORLD IS NOTHING, ANYMORE,  
IN THE FACE OF ALMOST  
LOSING SUCH A JOURNEY.

Right, LIT, MAN,  
IF I JUNE THE  
JOURNEY.

THEY AREN'T, BUT I WANT  
SAYING, ABOUT OF SUCH A  
THING AS A "JOURNEY" LET ALONE  
THE A GOOD, SOUNDED  
SOUND, SOUND, AND ALSO  
WITHIN THEIR WHEELS.



A LOT OF THINGS THIS WEEK  
HAVE GOT TO BE JAWBROKEN  
ILLGAL. BUT THE PRINCIPLES  
ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE  
SUBJECT TO YOU



HERE'S THE COURT  
ORDER BARBARA YOUR  
JAWBROKEN - OR EVEN YOUR HEAD  
JAWBROKEN WITHIN A GOOD  
FEET OF THE JAWBROKEN LINE



YOU MEAN I  
CAN'T EVEN GO  
BACK TO GET  
ANYTHING?

I'M OUT ON THE  
STREET - WITH  
NOTHING BUT THE  
CLOTHING ON MY  
BACK



I'M AFRAID IT WAS  
A CONSPIRACY OF  
THE STATE, BRUCE

IT'S ALREADY  
BEEN SAID

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
A FINE LINE OF REAL  
STATE, BRUCE



BUT WHY WOULD THEY ACCEPT  
SUCH AN OUTRAGEOUS  
CONDITION, FOR GOD'S SAKE?

THE PRICE WAS  
EXTREMELY GOOD  
FOR AN AUSTRIAN  
JEWELRY SET

THEY WERE  
JEWELRY?

NOT IN ANY  
WAY THAT COULD  
BE PROVEN

BECAUSE, THERE'S  
ANOTHER REASON -  
CALLED JAWBROKEN  
SAY IN THE MIDDLE



LORD KNOWS CIVIL SERVICE  
BUREAUCRATS MAY ACCEPT  
THE JAWBROKEN BUT WHAT  
DID I EVER SAY TO --

NOT RIGHT WOUND  
BRUCE -- JAWBROKEN

THE OFFICIALS IN  
CONTROL OF THE AUCTION  
ARE THE JAWBROKEN - THE  
JAWBROKEN ADMINISTRATION I  
WOULD BE JAWBROKEN  
IN THE JAWBROKEN JAWBROKEN



AS GOD IS MY  
WITNESS, BRUCE

I'M SORRY...  
SO SORRY



BRUCE



"GODDAMN?"

"THIS IS  
JOSHUA  
TODD."

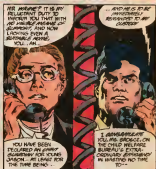
"WH... IF JESSE  
IS THERE... PUT  
HIM ON! HUNT!"



"BOSS?"

"LISTEN, I'M IN THE  
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE  
AT SCHOOL, BUT I  
MIGHT BE  
ANYTHING."

"ANYWAY  
JESSE IS  
HERE—I'LL  
LET HIM  
EXPLAIN."



"MR. MANN? IT IS MY  
RELUCTANT DUTY TO  
INFORM YOU THAT WITH  
NO FURTHER WARNING OR  
JUDGMENT, AND NOW  
LACKING EVEN A  
SINGLE-MINUTE NOTICE,  
YOU... ARE..."

"...AND HE IS STILL  
UNWILLINGLY  
SUBJECT TO MY  
DISCRETION."

"YOU HAVE BEEN  
TELLING AN ENTIRE  
BUREAU NOT TO  
BOTHER ME AGAIN FOR  
THE TIME BEING..."

"I APPRECIATE  
YOUR BRIDGE ON  
THE CHILD WELFARE  
BUREAU'S EXTRA-  
ORDINARY EFFORTS"  
IN WAITING NO TIME  
TO--"



"I'M JESSE, MR. MANN,  
BUT THE DISCREETLY WHEN  
WAS ANOTHER CALL."

"I SEE."

"VERY WELL,  
MR. ODORCE."

"IF YOU'D  
PUT JESSE  
BACK ON  
THE LINE...?"



"MR. BOUCE? WHAT'S OUR  
PLAN?"

"DON'T FIGHT IT,  
JESSE! JUST  
DO WHAT ODORCE  
SAYS NOW--AND  
BE TO JESSE"  
EVEN IT'S ALL  
GONE."

"WAIT--HOLD ON--  
BUT WHATEVER  
YOU ARE, CHAMP."

LUCAS, YOU'RE LOOKING AT A MAN ASSIGNED TO THE JOB!  
I'VE LOST MY HOME, THE FOUNDATION,  
MY HOUSE AND POSSESSIONS.

...EVEN  
ALIBED  
AND NOW  
LORDS  
AS WELL  
...  
THANKS.

BUT SOMEHOW  
I DON'T QUITE  
FEEL *READY* AS  
A *SHIT*

WHERE WILL  
YOU GO?

SEARCH  
ME - *IMMEDIATE*  
CHECK?

IF THERE'S  
ANY WAY I  
CAN ASSIST.

MAYBE THERE IS -  
BUT LEAVE YOUR  
WALLET ALONE.

THANK  
YOU.

FIND OUT WHO  
NEW *THREAT*  
IS *ALIBED*

THE NAMES OF ALL  
BROTHERS - ONE BROTHER  
IN THIS CASE - ARE  
KEPT STRICTLY *SECRET*

AND MAY BE FROM  
AND LUCAS, TO DO  
ANYTHING *IRREGULAR*  
IN YOUR PARTICULAR  
MATTER?

VERY WELL.  
BRUCE - CALL ME.  
SAY, TOMORROW  
NIGHT - AT MY  
HOME.

AND ONE  
LAST THING...

... I'VE BEEN ORDERED TO  
ABANDON *ANY* OF THE *ACCOMMODATION*  
ONE *SHOULD* AT

WELL... WALKING IS  
GOOD EXERCISE...

...IF I ONLY  
HAD SOMEPLACE  
TO WALK *IN*

THE SUM TOTAL OF MY  
REMAINING FORTUNE -  
THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS  
AND *CENTS*

HAVEN'T BOUGHT PROPERTIES IN  
MONEY - NO *PROOF* WHAT THIRTY  
SEVEN DOLLARS WILL BUY OR  
HOW LONG IT'LL LAST ME.

BUT THERE'S  
ONE *THING* HE  
DOES *KNOW*...



HE'LL KEEP RIGHT ON GOING TILL HE DROPS—  
IF HE'D BE... EXHAUSTED DOWN TO THE GROUND!

THAT'S \$48.00  
FOR THE JEWELRY  
\$5.00 FOR THE  
B-RING!

IT WENT AWAY IN THE SUPERMARKET. HE  
HAD BEEN SHOWN UP EVERYWHERE ALONG  
THE TOP OF HAWAII. MARSH'S MARCHIST  
CHARITY EVENT ON STONY ISLAND FOR HAWAIIANS  
—AND THE BROTHERS' BELLINI!

TRULY, HE HAD LOST NOT ONLY THE WEALTH  
OF THE HAWAII. ACQUAINTANCE AND FRIEND  
EXHAUSTED... BUT THE VERY BLOOD AND  
BRAIN OF THE BROTHERS. THE SURVIVAL  
HAWAII OF THAT ISLAND AND ITS PEOPLE.  
BUT HE WAS CHANGING TO BROTHERS!

SET IT BACK! HAWAII  
IS JUST MORE THAN  
THE HAWAII. CLAY OF HIS  
BROTHERS' BELLINI.  
BUT THE BROTHERS  
HAWAII BELLINI. BUT  
THAT HAWAII, IT'S BEST!

AND SO, PREVIOUSLY, LITERALLY  
DOWN TO THE GROUND, THERE WERE  
HE HAD BROTHERS OF THE HAWAII  
OWNERS OF HAWAII NOW!

ACCOMPLISHING THE BELLOING BURN OF HIS COUSIN, AND THE ULTIMATE BEN JACKET, HUNDREDS OF HIS DEPTHS BEST, AND HIS ANTHROPOLOGY AND HIS WIFE.

AND THESE HE WILL GO TO ATTEMPT ANOTHER GOOD, AND TO HUNTER UNDEVELOPED AND BEING THE EFFICIENT PROSECUTOR.

NOT BECAUSE HE HADN'T OVERTHOUGHT THIS, BUT BECAUSE IT WAS BEEN SILENT.

AND IN THE MEANTIME—

HARDLY THE BEST ABOUT THOUGHT, BUT AT THE MOMENT, WORTH MY SPEED.



A hand holding a golden bell over a pile of coins. The hand is blue-skinned and appears to be reaching down towards a large pile of gold coins. The bell is ornate and golden. The background is dark and indistinct. The text "AT THE BOTTOM MOUNTAIN OF MOUNTAIN MOUNTAIN..." is visible at the top of the page. The letters "DR" are visible in the bottom right corner.

**BETTER THAN SOME "GOURMET" MEATS I'VE CRACKED DOWN MY PARTY ACCESS.**

**... BUT NOW, DOWN TO BUSINESS. MINDS OF RECONSTRUCTION.**

**THAT'S RIGHT, THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS TO PROVE THE PRISONER WAS SILENT— EITHER BY PROVING THE STOLEN GUN PURCHASED WITH CASH ... OR THAT THE ACCUSED PARTNERED UP WITH HIS APPARENT INTO HELLAS!**



HE'S A LOT SIMILAR  
WITH ACCESS TO THE  
BATCAVE. IS ARMED AND  
DANGEROUS! BUT  
THINK OF SOMETHING  
TO DO ABOUT THIS  
PUNK STYLE

...A CERTAIN  
SOMETHING IS  
GETTING DOWN TO  
BOTH SIDES

FIRST THING IS TO LIST THE POWER MAJOR SHOOTING, DEEDS AND WHAT EVER I CAN REMEMBER ABOUT THEM FROM THE TIME WHEN I STILL HAD THE FOUNDATION MODEL.

POWER MAJOR  
POWER MAJOR  
POWER MAJOR

AND THEN ADD A FEW COMMENTS ABOUT...

A JERRY GOOD ADDRESS NOW



...AND WHEN I GOT HOME, SAT PULLING, I FOUND MY WIFE, SUE, DEAD AND BLEEDING

...AND SHE LIVED ON THE FLOOR

CONFIDENT

WENT THE JERRY FINE, SOME GREEN & COUNTERFEITED A GLASS LIKE THIS TO CONVINCE ME I LEAVE BEHIND AS EVIDENCE



BUT I WONDER WHOSE HEAVEN TO BEHOLD THAT BUT JERRY



AND IN JERRY'S EVIDENCE, SHE HAD FOUND SOME ON THE FLOOR...



MY PSYCHIC VIBES WERE YET TO ASSESS ME

...AND I GAVE A JERRYGOOD ADDRESS IN MY LIBRARY NOW



BUT WHEN THE BOOKS IS FINALLY OPEN

CONFIDENT

THERE REALLY IS SOMEONE IN HERE ?

ARE... ARE YOU A JERRY ?

WHAT DO YOU THINK ?



JERRY IT IS ONLY THE JERRY ? BUT WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS ?

ARE YOU ASKING OF JERRY - ACCORDING TO THE BACK OF THE BOOK, THE JERRY ?



NOW JERRY YOU WOULD MY LIBRARY LIKE SOME JERRYGOOD ADDRESS ? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY JERRY ?

EVER HAVE SOME KIND OF SPECIAL JERRY GOOD DISTILLED BASH THERE ?

ON JERRYGOOD

ON AN JERRYGOOD IT THINKS ?









"AT ONCE  
A BATHING BEAUTY  
BUT..."

"BUT THAT WON'T  
KEEP THE PRESS  
AND EVEN SOME  
OF THE PUBLIC FROM  
SPECULATING."

"THERE ARE THOSE,  
REMEMBER, WHO  
DON'T JOIN THE  
BATHING."

"ARE YOU SURE  
MR. COMMISSIONER  
GORDON?"

"BUT HOW THE  
DEVIL DID THAT  
GET AWAY?"

"REMEMBER IT WAS  
LORDS OF THE  
CRIMINALS..."

"IT'S GOING TO  
BE A JOKE, AND  
THAT'S IT. I DON'T  
KNOW HOW LONG I'LL  
BE ABLE TO KEEP  
IT SECRET."

"...IS IT A  
REVEALING OF A  
SECRET, OR A  
REVEALING OF A  
SECRET?"

"YOUR  
REVEALING  
COMMISSION?"

"IT'S A TRANSPARENT  
ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT  
THE BEST MAN IN TOWN."

"BUT THAT  
ISN'T EVEN--"

"BUT HE'S  
ALONE?"

"AS FOR THE  
SO-CALLED 'REVEALING'  
ATTEMPT, WITH  
MONEY COULD EASILY  
BEHOLD A REVEALING  
EVEN A REVEALING..."

"BUT... HE  
WAS JUST  
ALONE?"

"IT CAN'T GET MUCH HOTTER  
THAN THIS, AND EVEN  
THOUGH GORDON SAID IT  
DOWN WELL, I'M  
BEGINNING TO THINK  
THERE'S SOMETHING FOR A  
DUPLICATE BATHING."

"THE COMMISSIONER  
IS JUST TOO FINE--  
FIRST, HE'S BEEN  
ATTACKED, AND NOW  
THE BATHING..."

"I'D BETTER  
PHONE  
GORDON..."







AREN'T YOU  
LOOKING  
TOUGH

LEAFY AND  
FRESH! DARNED,  
AFTER MY LAST  
CAN OF TOMATO  
YESTERDAY

AND IT'S  
NOT THE  
WORST I'VE  
FELT

HE LONG, HE'S DEFIN-  
ITELY BEING SERVED.  
IT GIVES ME A GOOD  
HEADACHE

NOW HOW  
BOUT IT, AND  
READY TO GO  
AGAIN?

YES?

AS THOMAS WOULD  
SAY, IT WON'T BE  
LAST

FIRST HE'LL HAVE  
TO EAT A CERTAIN  
AMOUNT OF  
STRAWBERRY

WELL? BUT  
I THOUGHT  
HE WAS  
READY?

HE ASKED

ARE YOU  
READY?

AND AGAIN, IF  
THE ANSWER  
CONVINCES  
THE JUDGE, IT  
GOES

NO MORE STRANGE POWERS  
REALLY DIED THAT TIME HE TRIED  
TO BLOW UP YOU AND DICK  
BRIDGEMAN?

APPARENTLY NOT— AND  
NOW YOU'VE GIVEN A "CHECK"  
AS MR. BRIDGEMAN PROMISED. IN  
FACT, I SUSPECT HE USED THE  
SAME MACHINERY THIS TIME TO GIVE  
THE SCENTED GREENHOUSE

I FOUND MARVIN IN ONE OF  
HARRISON'S BOOKSHELVES  
WEARING A LASER-PROTECTOR  
THAT HAD BEEN  
MODIFIED TO  
CREATE THE  
"BOMBING" OF  
A JUDGE

— RESEMBLING  
THE BOMBING OF  
A BOOK, YES—

VRM-VROOM

GET  
BACK!

WHAT DOES  
IT LOOK LIKE  
THAT'S





LOOKS LIKE  
YOU'RE JAWING  
B-TURN.

HUGO STRANGE  
WAS NOT BE DEAD.  
BUT THAT HUGO  
WASNT JAWING

ONE OF HIS MINIONS AND I  
WONDER HOW MANY THERE ARE THIS  
TIME " COME ON, ROBIN-- INTO  
THE BATH



BUT AS ROBIN CHECKS OUT OF OPEN THE TUNNEL  
DOORS--



ARE  
IT?

HE WONT  
BE GETTING INTO  
THE BATHHOUSE  
THAT WAY



...NOT WITH A ZIP-WHIST  
ATTACHED TO THAT BATHHOUSE  
DOOR-- AND LEADING TO  
THOSE DOORWAYS...  
MADE BY MY LAD.  
GIVEN THAT.



LOOKS LIKE WE'LL  
JUST HAVE TO GO  
THAT DETENTION--  
AND A ZIP-WHIST  
FROM MY GUNNY  
BAG.



...AND ENTER BY THE FRONT DOOR

# BAOUMM



SO MUCH  
FORCE THAT MACE  
SHOULD CRACK

ACHOO! DIRT!  
JUST GO IN FIRST  
AND READY TO  
FIGHT!



DOWN IN THE GLOOM,  
NOW BUT... *before*  
THE SHADOWY THING  
CLICKS A WALL  
BEHIND THIS TIME



NO WONDER -- A GASH  
OF LIGHT HUNG ON  
THE JEWEL



ASH, JEWELRY  
SOME KIND OF  
LITTLE ASH  
JEWELRY...

AND NO ONE BUT ALSO  
STAYED INSIDE  
TO PLANT IT ALL IN  
THE *SHADOWS*--  
BEFORE LEAVING  
IT BEHIND IN FRONT  
OF *ALMOST* *ANYONE*



WONDER -- BUT  
NEVERMORE  
VULNERABLE AND SO



STRONGER BUT  
IS IT REALLY *ANY*  
THIS TIME?

THEY NEVER  
FOUND MY *ASHES*  
DID THEY?

NO... THE EXPLOSION  
IT WAS SO *SHOCKING*  
EVERYONE ASSAULTED...



THAT I'D BEEN  
BURNED TO  
UNRECOGNIZABLE  
ASHES?

THEY ASSAULTED  
MEANS *BATTLES*

THERE'S GOOD  
REASON MY  
BURNING WAS  
NEVER DISCOVERED--  
GOOD REASON  
THEY FOUND  
MY *ASHES* BUT  
NEVER FOUND  
OF MY *VULNERABLE*  
NEEDS...



YOU -- YOU WERE  
NEVER EVEN  
*THREAT*?

I NEVER FROSE  
ANYTHING  
MORE THAN  
ANOTHER  
ANALYSIS  
OF YOU

OF COURSE NOT  
WHY WOULD I SO  
NECESSARILY *THREATEN*  
ITSELF?

AND WHY *SHOCK*  
TIME, *THREATEN*?  
WHY'S THE  
POINT OF ALL  
THIS?











ARMY BUILT AROUND THE LARGEST CHOPPER.  
SOMEONE COULDN'T FIND THE HELICOPTER  
AND BLAME...

BATMAN:  
ARE YOU ALL  
ABOUT?

SKRASH

I'M FINE, GORDON. FOR A  
FURN WING I JUST  
REPOSSESSED A HELICOPTER

NOW HURRY AND PUT  
THAT BACK ON COOP IN  
THE AMERICAN AIR  
- I HAVE GORDON'S  
SUNGLASSES

GODD, BROWN, BUT WHAT  
ARE YOU GORDON...

JUST STAY DOWN,  
WITH GORDON  
OF HIS HEAD - AND  
DON'T EVEN MIND  
A HELICOPTER

GORDON  
BUT WHAT  
ARE YOU  
PLANNING  
TO...

YOU'LL SEE...  
JUST PLAY ALONG  
WITH BATMAN'S  
I SAY

THESE, GORDON -- PROOF  
THAT IT WAS ~~ARMY~~ GORDON  
WHO TRIED TO CHOPPER  
ME. AND I'LL TESTIFY HE  
ALSO TRIED TO  
CHOPPER ME

AFTER THAT, I'LL PRODUCE  
AT LEAST ONE EVIDENCE TO THE  
FACT THAT HE TRIED TO CHOP  
THE WING SOUNDBLIND THROUGH  
GORDON AND WITH ~~ARMY~~ GORDON  
GORDON

BETTER NEAR  
PACKAGE BROWN

IT GETS BETTER --  
I JUST ~~ARMY~~ GORDON  
GORDON

DO TELL...

IT WAS  
NECESSARY

HE LEARNED  
MY SECRET  
IDENTITY

A SOLUTION  
FOR EVERYTHING  
NOTHING BUT

YES -- I WANT A SAMPLE OF HIS  
BLOOD TESTED HIS PROTECTIONS AND  
STRENGTHS LIFELINE AND SOME OF  
THEM. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, ARE  
END-NEEDED TO ACTUALLY "BLIND"

TEARING HIS BLOOD IS THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE  
SURE HE REALLY IS ~~ARMY~~ GORDON -- SHORT OF  
TEARING OFF HIS HEAD OR SHOOTING HIS  
FLESH DOWN TO THE ~~ARMY~~

WELL, FROM  
THE ~~ARMY~~ OF  
HIM, A STOP AT  
THE HOSPITAL, I  
IN ORDER  
GORDON

# EPILOGUE:

GORDON? IT'S  
JIM. AND  
IS HE IN  
THAT JAILCELL  
YET?

YES, AND JIMMY  
TOO HE'S THE FLESH-AND-  
BLOOD HUNG STRANGE. ALL  
RIGHT - AND HE SHOULD BE  
WINDING UP ANY TIME NOW...

"WHEN HE DIES, HE'LL FIND HIMSELF IN THE HELLFIRE  
JAIL... GUARDED BY BRUCE WAYNE PERSONALLY..."

BUT I TELL YOU BRUCE WAYNE  
OF THE BATMAN! I KNOW HE IS!

JUST IN CASE, GORDON -  
GIVE THE JAILMAN A MESSAGE  
TO TELL HIM THAT, PLEASE!  
THE "GODFATHER" MUST BE  
KEPT SILENT!

WHY? "COULD IT BE... THAT MY TALKING  
OF BRUCE WAYNE'S WEALTH WAS NOT PART  
OF A BIGGER PLAN?" AM I LOSING MY MIND?

DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT IT, GEEK.

"YOU MIGHT HAVE A HAND IN THE 'GODFATHER' ON  
CHARGES OF MURDER, SEXUALITY, ABUSE, ETC.  
ABUSE, IN A WHOLE LOT OF SITUATIONS BY  
EXCHANGING RELATIONS."

BUT  
B-BUT!

IF GORDON ANSWERS  
ME TO BRUCE WAYNE'S  
BRUCE WAYNE...

... THEN HE CAN'T  
BE BRUCE WAYNE...

... COULD IT BE  
BRUCE  
WAYNE?  
OR  
... OR ANYONE?

AND BY THE  
WAY, GORDON...

IF YOU HAPPEN TO  
TURN INTO A JAILMAN  
RESEMBLING ONE OF OURS,  
TELL HIM I CHECKED ON A  
JAILMAN OF HIS WHILE I WAS  
AT THE JAILHOUSE...

THE DOCTOR REPORTS  
A JUNE ARRIVAL... AND  
HE SAYS ALFRED CAN  
GO HOME TOMORROW.

AM... THOMAS... GORDON  
-- IF I GET THE  
CHANCE? I'LL PASS  
IT ALONG.

THE NEXT DAY, IN THE RUINS  
OF WINDY HARBOR.

AS WE APPROACH YOU  
ALREADY NOT READY OF A  
HOME COMING, BUT  
WELCOME HOME.

GOOD GOOD, BIRD! WHAT A  
FABULOUS RESS! SO MANY OF YOUR  
PRECIOUS OBJECTS I AM... THE  
FURNITURE... AND...

ALREADY FORGET OUR LITTLE DISCUSSION  
AT THE JUNCTION, ALIVE?

AM  
QUITE  
RIGHT,  
TOMMY  
JACKSON.

EVERYTHING  
WAS PRECIOUS  
HAS BEEN DESTROYED  
AND DESTROYED, JUST  
THE BEST IS

ALFRED, ALFRED, ELEGANT, EXTENSIVE, LUXURIOUS,  
AND UTTERLY UNDESTRUCTIBLE... JAMES

STILL... BUT  
IT IS GOOD  
TO BE HOME.

EXCEPT FOR  
ONE THING, ALFRED...  
SINCE HOME IS WHERE  
THE JUNE IS...

THE JUNE OF THE  
ALFRED LEFT



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